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introduction

Among the tit-bits to titillate your mind in this edition of LANTERN we have included the full transcript of a pamphlet published in 1642. The reasons for doing so were two-fold. Firstly because these old documents make fascinating reading and secondly because the spelling in them is so quaint that it is very difficult to spot our own spelling mistakes and typing errors!! This edition also has an extra page from our Cambridge Branch and we hope to make this a regular feature. Finally, once again we have to thank everyone who have contacted us expressing support for the duplicated version of LANTERN. Your kind remarks have encouraged all involved with the mag to even greater efforts.

NOTES AND QUERIES: + The LEY HUNTER has undergone a change of format and editorship. It is now smaller in size and is litho printed and illustrated. The new look magazine is a great improvement on previous editions (no disrespect to Paul Screeton the ex-editor), and congratulations are extended to its new editor Paul Devereux. The latest edition, No.70, contains articles on Leys & Feng Shui, Nazca & Stonehenge, The Black Horse of Busha and Formulae for Straight Lines, plus news, reviews and comment. UK sub is £2 from The Editor, PO Box 152, London N10 1EB. + There is to be a BUFORA CONFERENCE on November 6/7, 1976, at the Centre Hotel, Birmingham. The main speaker will be Ted Bloecher (on humanoids). Seven other research papers will be read covering EM Effects, Photo Analysis, UFO Wave Prediction etc. Cost is £5 to BUFORA members and £6 to non-members. For details write to Jenny Randles, 23 Sunningdale Drive, Irlam, Manchester. + The latest edition of the FORTEAN TIMES contains notes and articles on Tremors and Earthquakes, strange fires, miracles and unidentifieds. As always its 28 lithoed pages are literally crammed with curiosities. Annual Sub is £3 (6 issues) from RJM Rickard, Post Office Stores, Aldermaston, Berkshire. + The EAST SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK ANTIQUARIANS are researching into the legends of a 'secret Tunnel' that is said to lead from Lowestoft High Street to the Parish Church. Anyone who knows any tales etc concerning this tunnel (or tunnels) are invited to contact Mike Burgess, 21 Kirkley Gardens, Lowestoft. + Recently opened at Warminster is THE FOUNTAIN CENTRE, It offers accommodation for sky-watchers at Star House either self-catering or bed & breakfast. The centre also offers 'healing and therapy' and 'astrological advice' on health and personality problems. The Fountain Centre has recently launched its own magazine THE FOUNTAIN JOURNAL, dealing primarily with UFO reports from the Warminster area. For full details of THE FOUNTAIN CENTRE and THE FOUNTAIN JOURNAL write to Jane Paget, The Fountain Centre, Star House, 78 Portway, Warminster, Wiltshire. + Still in the field of UFO Research, another magazine to come our way is the UFO RESEARCH REVIEW, published by the NOTTINGHAM UFO INVESTIGATION SOCIETY (NUFOIS). The mag is well produced and the Summer 1976 edition is packed with UFO reports

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Fearefull and Terrible...

TRUE AND STRANGE NEWES OUT OF
SUFFOLKE.

It was truly foretold long since by who was and is Truth it Selfe ever our blessed Lord and Redeemer, Luke 21, that in the latter dayes there shall be warres and Seditions, and Earth-quakes in divers places, with Famines and Pestilences, and fearfull things, and great Signes from Heaven. The greatest part of which heavenly predictions how punctually we have seene fulfilled amongst our selves, even within the memory of man, is not unknowne to any rationall observer that considereth the state of the times. God hath been pleased of late yeeres since that devillish fire of the warres in Bohemia was kindled by the Jesuites, to the disturbance of that flourishing empire of Germany, to foreshew by divers Signes and tokens in the Ayre, the troubles that ~~were~~ then approaching, giving thereby warning to his chosen people to prepare to meet him by unfained repentance, that so they may bee hid in the day of the Lords wrath, and not involved in the common destruction: what fiery impressions were seene in the ayre in sundry places of Germany, both before the Battell of Prague, and about the time of the coming of the most victorius King of Sweden, towards the Battells of Leipzich and Nordlingen, and upon sundry other occasions, he that will may read in the Chronicles of that Nation. And if men duly consider what strange alterations followed those heavenly admonitions, it will be no difficult thing to fore-see what our selves at whose door the staffe now standeth may expect in this Kingdome.

I instance in a strange, but very true relation of what lately happened betwixt the two Townes of Woodbridge and Alborow in High Suffolk, as it hath been made manifest to some of the Members of the Honourable House of Commons, and is attested already by divers people of good worth, who were eare witnesses and eye witnesses of the same, and will be further attested by the whole Corporation of Alborow: and thus it was:

Upon Thursday the 4 day of this instant August, about the Houre of Foure or Five a clocke in the afternoone,

there was a wonderfull noyse heard in the ayre, as of a Drum beating most fiercely whichafter a while was Seconded with a long peale of small Shot, and after that a discharging as it were of great Ordnance in a pitcht field: This continued with some vicissitudes of small shot and great Ordnance for the space of one houre and an halfe, and then making a mighty and violent report altogether; at the ceasing thereof there was observed to fall down out of the skie a Stone of about foure pounds weight, which was taken up by them that saw it fall, and being both strange for the forme of it, and somewhat miraculous for the manner of it, was by the same parties who are ready to attest this Truth, brought up and shewed it to a worthy member of the House of Commons, upon whose ground it was taken up, and by him to divers friends, who have both seene and handled the same.

Now the manner of finding of this stone was on this-wise; one Captaine Iohnson and one Master Thompson, men well knowne in that part of Suffolke, were that day at Woodbridge about the lanching of a Ship that was newly builded there, who hearing this marvellous noise towards Alborow, verily supposed that some Enemy was landed, and some sudden onset made upon the Towne of Alborow; This occasioned them to take Horse and hasten homewards, the rather because they heard the noise of Battell grow louder. And being at that instant when the greatest crack and report was made in conclusion, on their way upon the Heath betwixt the the two Townes, Woodbridge and Alborow, they observed the fall of this stone, which grazing in the fall of it along upon the Heath some 6 or 7 yards, had out-run their observation: where it rested, had not a Dog which was in their company followed by the scent as was hot, and brought them where it lay covered over with grasse and earth that the violence of its course had contracted about it.

This is the true relation of the finding of this stone, which is 8 inches long, and 5 inches broad, and 2 inches thick. And now being on their way neerer Alborow they met the greatest part of their Townesfolke, who were generally all run out of their houses round about amazed with this

noise of Warre, and descrying no Enemy neere; when suddenly there was heard a joyfull noise as of musicke, and sundry instruments in a melodius manner, for a good space together, which ended as with a harmonius ringing of bells.

The Lord God of Heaven and Earth who steeres the course of all humane affaires, have mercy upon this sinfull Land and Nation, and in the midst

of these distractions which now are both in our Church and State, open our eyes to see, and our hearts to consider this gracious day of our visitation, and give us grace to meet him by a true and unfeigned repentance, that under the shadow of his wings may be our refuge until these stormes be overpast.

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Editors Note: The town of Alborow referred to in the text is now called Aldeburgh, which stands on the Suffolk coast about 12 miles north east of Woodbridge. There is little that can be added to the above text. The religious propaganda overtones are obvious and need little or no comment. The second half of this pamphlet is mystifying to say the least. It is simply entitled MERLINS PROPHECIES OF KINGSTONE UPON HULL, there is no introduction and no preamble, simply just that reproduced below. It has been included here because, although it does not directly apply to East Anglia, it does form part of the pamphlet. If any reader can shed any light onto this 'prophecy' we would be very pleased to hear from them.

LOWMAN, Lowman, thou mayst well rejoyce,
 Soone to be changed as thou shalt be;
 From a Sheepe cotts name the game goes
 Unto a goodly Towne as men shall see,
 Thy name shall be called to high Degree
 And come a Kings-towne, so shall be thy name;
 Upon Hull water set shalt thou be:
 Yet take heed to thy selfe for feare of blame.
 But now poor MYTON, thou standest well
 Upon Humber banke, but what is thy end;
 Iye even in Humber so thou shalt every dell,
 Thou canst in no wise they selfe from it defend.
 Kingstone upon Hull, Lowman was thy name,
 A walled Towne thou art, so long as thou shalt stand;
 By reason of Shipping thou art in good fame
 But woe to thy end, for MERLIN saith the same.
 Thy Walls and towres with Pinacles, so high in thy time
 Of troubles, they shall not thee defend:
 Nor Forts to be made, this doe I well finde;
 For Thy Pride and mischief God will thee sorrow send.
 What availeth thee, thy walls repuning against God,
 God knoweth from thy beginning, what thou shalt be,
 If yet thou hadst bin Lowman and used thy trade,
 Thou shouldest have stood still without Walls surely.
 Now it is pleasure for thee to behold,
 Thy Shippes from beyond the seas,
 Yet hadst thou been better to have been a sheepfold,
 As was thy beginning, as MERLIN doth prophecie;
 For he saith surely thou shalt be fore bear,
 And even with the ground thou shalt be laid plaine.
 The day, time, and houre, God hath thee set,
 That in thee shall be left no man to remaine.
 By the Lilly thou shalt be fore bear,
 For Humber with Shippes shall be full,
 And by the same Lilly thou shalt be so wounded,
 And then blame the time that thou wast called Hull;
 And yet the ships of the Lilly shall still yours remain
 And stand in Humber the truth for to say,
 The cause of warres is oft times sodaine,
 When they were to go home they must needs stay.
 Their Mariners shall want what brought them from home

And few be left alive of the men of warre,
 Their Souldiers and Captaines shall be all gone
 Which they brought with them from Countries far;
 Though Hull and thy Enemies shall dye together;
 For URTA of SELADOWNE, and WALLIS also
 Doth speake the same prophesie all together,
 With BEDE, and BELL, and MERLIN with other moe.

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THE 'WINGED CAT'

An extraordinary *Lusus Naturae* is reported from Cambridgeshire. A french or Persian cat, the property of Mr. David Babcock, publican, residing in the village, has recently been found to possess two wings resembling those of a duckling. The phenomenon was not suspected, owing to its long hair, until being roughly handled, it spread out its wings. The cat is about 12 months old. (Letter in The Evening News (Portsmouth) August 6th 1894).

TWO CONFIRMED HAUNTINGS

W. J. CHAMBERS.

Sherlock Holmes several times remarked that his methods were founded on close observation of details, and nowhere are details more important than in psychical research. In 1963 a

lady was in the habit of exercising her dog in the grounds of Madingley Hall, near Cambridge, and one day she went there by mistake when they were not open to the public. She heard voices, among them a deep laughing woman's voice, and concluded that a garden party was in progress. A little later she was horrified to see a young man sprawling over the balustrade of a garden and staring at her. His face was that of a death's head, and he gave her a look of intense hatred. He wore a ruff, and she particularly noticed that his hair was cut in jagged strands across his forehead.

The story is well known and has been published several times, eg. In Denis Barden's 'Ghosts and Hauntings' and in Joan Forman's 'Haunted East Anglia.' But the sequel is not. On February 2nd, 1966, the 'Times Literary Supplement' published a review of a book on a Tudor artist, and reproduced one of his paintings, that of a young man named Ardan Stokes. He wears a ruff and his hair is cut in exactly the same style as that of the apparition....

In Peter Underwood's 'Haunted London', he states that the Gargoyle Club, an old building in SOho, now used as a strip establishment, is said to be haunted by the ghost of Nell Gwynne, who once lived there. She probably finds the atmosphere congenial as after all her work also entailed taking off her clothes. Some of the girls tried a planchette-type seance despite the fact that they had, very sensibly, been forbidden to do so by one of the club's owners, and obtained a misspelled name which could have been Nell Gwynne. An apparition of a well-built girl has been seen by several witnesses, and she wears a large flowered hat. I am no authority on costume, but I do have the little Ladybird book 'The Story of Clothes and costume' and I was delighted to find in it a picture of a lady of Stuart times wearing just such a hat. (see illus).



Most people know enough about period costume to describe in a vague sort of way the clothes worn by an apparition, but when it comes to details such as hair-

dressings and head gear, and we find that such fashions were worn at the time when the subjects were said to have lived, it is quite another thing. We cannot but conclude that a being from another age had appeared to one living today.....

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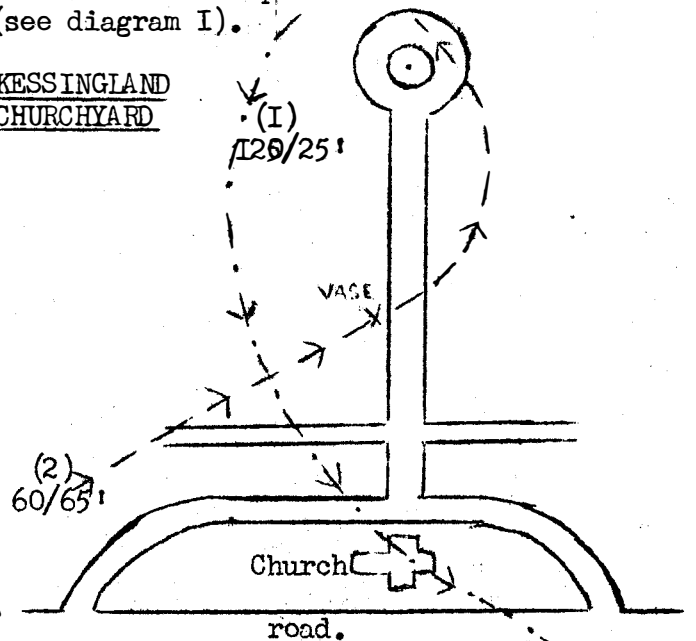
COMMENT: A DOWSER'S VIEW

Following the article 'Churchyard Chicanery' which appeared in LANTERN 14, Frank Dineen of the Essex Dowsing Group sent us the results of some interesting pendulum experiments that he carried out on the plan of Kessingland Churchyard which accompanied the article.

I dowsed the plan of Kessingland churchyard with my pendulum and located the course of two underground streams (or earth anomalies). Stream (1) seems to flow north-westwards under the west end of the church at about 120-125 feet. Stream (2) which gives quite a strong reaction, curves in a southerly direction at about 60 - 65 feet. It is interesting to note that the ornamental flower holder is directly above this stream which crosses under the path between the church and the War Memorial near that position. (see diagram I).

If there is in fact a strong earth current above stream (2), then the explanation accepted by Mr. D. Fletcher may not be completely correct, and the experience of his companion may not have been as illusory as the article implied. In recent years scientific instruments have detected minute changes in the human body blood pressure and chemistry, when it passes over underground streams. If the body is in a state of tension I think it is possible to hear and see things in such places. Although I do not go all the way with him, I consider the work of Mr. T.C. Lethbridge very enlightening on this matter and would recommend his book - 'GHOST AND DIVINING ROD' as further study.

KESSINGLAND CHURCHYARD



IN Lantern 12, I dowsed the diagram of Westwood Lodge (see article 'Ghosts & Investigations at Westwood Lodge') and found a very strong current running north-south through those parts of the house most reputed to be haunted. It is interesting also to note that one of the more authentic Brentwood ghost stories at 133 High Street, on the site of the Seven Stars public house, involves a well in the cellars.

Finally, the "Diamond in the Sky" (without Lucy!) fascinated me and having already got my pendulum in action on Kessingland church, I swung it over the illustration of the 'Diamond' out of curiosity. The first thing I noticed was that at the upper tip the pendulum swung in the opposite direction to the apparent spin seen by Mr. Burrell. The same applied at the lower tip. The centre however seemed to be a mass of 'energy' causing the pendulum to oscillate while moving in an anti-clockwise or negative direction. If the tip of the pendulum could draw the result would be something like a flower over-lapping the diamond shape.

What does it prove? God knows. Maybe the information conveyed by the pendulum will strike a chord somewhere.....

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THE BURY ZODIAC

M. W. BURGESS.

During the last fifty years a number of geographical curiosities have come to light, among them the alledged existence of 'ley-lines' and 'megalithic observatories'. One of the most intriguing must be the discovery (or rediscovery?) of so-called 'terrestrial zodiacs.'

In the 1920's, a Gloucestershire woman, Mrs. Katherine Maltwood, wrote a book entitled 'A Guide to Glastonbury's Temple of the Stars', which immediately caused an indignant uproar amongst the scientific world. In her book, Mrs. Maltwood claimed to have discovered the outline of a complete zodiac etched into the

very earth around the Somerset town of Glastonbury. At the time, she was researching into the history of the Grail legends and King Arthur's exploits, attempting to prove that the Glastonbury area was in fact the holy land of Avalon, last resting place of that magical cup, the Grail. To cut a rather long story short, by studying maps and aerial photographs of the region she claimed to have seen well-defined representations of an entire zodiac within a circle ten miles across, each figure in its correct place and corresponding more-or-less to the accepted figures in the heavenly zodiac.

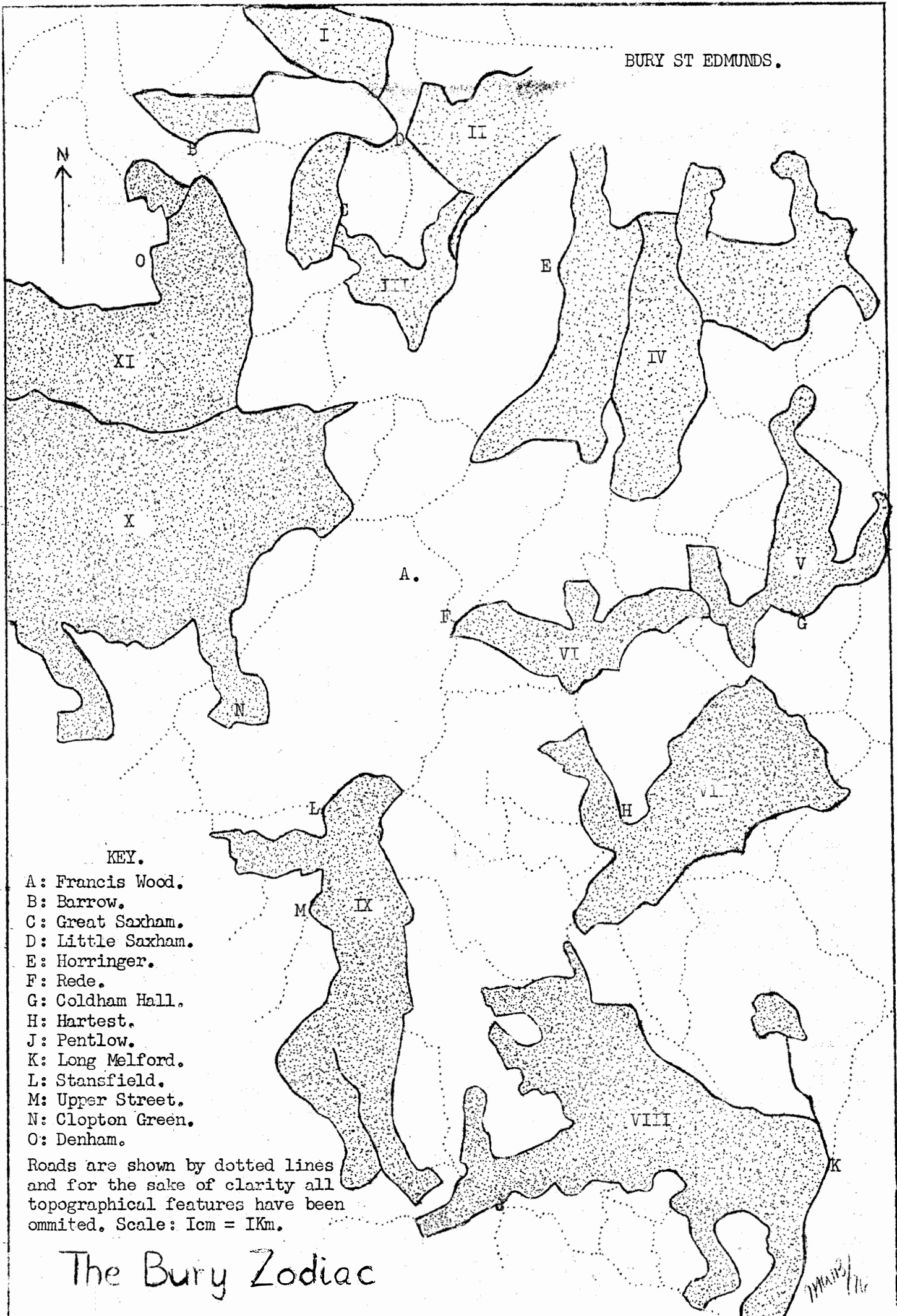
Over the years, her findings have been extended and corroborated by a great many people, and other zodiacs have been traced in Britain. However, only three, besides Glastonbury, are classed as 'definite', being at Kingston-upon-Thames, Pumpsaint in Dyfed, Wales, and at Nuthampstead in Hertfordshire (discovered by Nigel Pennick, a BSIG member).

Having had a close look at the Glastonbury and Nuthampstead examples, my own attitude at the moment toward zodiacs is one of healthy scepticism mixed with curiosity. But, earlier this year, I had the idea of trying to find a zodiac myself and suddenly thought of the area around Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. So, I took the relevant 1:50,000 O.S. map, and promptly found one! I hasten to add that I don't claim to have discovered a terrestrial zodiac that actually exists on the ground and was laid out thousands of years ago for some obscure purpose. I have simply traced the pattern of the roads, trackways, rivers etc. in the region immediately south-west of Bury and found that figures can be drawn which correspond in many ways to those of the other zodiacs, and that in the night sky. It may, and in all probability it will, be shown that this zodiac (and perhaps others) are no more than a vast coincidence, an optical illusion like the canals of Mars, in which unconnected points or lines are resolved by the human eye into symbols that are instantly recognisable. I make no claims for the Bury Zodiac whatever.

This much being said, and following the pattern on the accompanying diagram, I shall now describe the figures one by one, starting from the northernmost and continuing in a clockwise direction:-

- I -PISCES: the fish...as at Glastonbury and Nuthampstead, Pisces takes the shape of three fish and, as with the others, are not immediately recognisable as anything, let alone fish. They are formed by roads and streams in the Barrow Heath and Great Saxham areast west of Bury, and at the eye of the westernmost fish is a large moat. They are connected by a stream, and an old track called Shaker's Road.
- II- CAPRICORNUS: the sea-goat...here, only his head is shown, with a single horn formed by a ridge of land running alongside Ickworth Park. The river Linnet makes the top of his head, a road his jaw and a track his neck. For his eye there is another moat, and right on his nose, Little Saxham church.
- III-AQUARIUS: the water carrier...continuing directly downwards from the horn of Capricornus is the figure of Aquarius, in this zodiac, as in the other two I have seen, in the form of a bird. It takes a good deal of imagination to see

BURY ST EDMUNDS.



a bird in this shape, particularly the supposed Phoenix of Glastonbury; but the one at Nuthampstead looks more like a Kingfisher! Formed by tracks and sections of road around Horsepool Farm and Twist Wood, just west of Ickworth,

- IV -SAGITTARIUS: the archer or centaur...in the other two zodiacs, this sign is featured as the 'falling rider', but in this one, the rider is sitting quite happily upon his horse. It's rear and tail are formed by the river Lark, while it's hind leg reaches down into Bury's Southgate. The rest of the horse's body is marked out by roads and tracks around Horringer, Whepstead and Nowton, and at the rider's eye or nose is Whepstead church. Upon his leg is Horsecroft. Some sources connect the falling rider with King Arthur, and not far from the horse's foreleg, according to an old map, was Arthur's Wood.
- V - SCORPIO: the scorpion...this figure does correspond very closely with those at Glastonbury and Nuthampstead, it's tail near Hawstead and it's head touching Coldham Hall at Stanningfield. Streams and roads form the sides of it's body, while tracks for the most part delineate it's legs.
- VI -LIBRA: the balance...immediately west of Scorpio and in fact touching it is the figure of Libra, here, as in the others, portrayed by a bird. At Glastonbury it is the sacred dove, symbol of peace and holiness, but here, everything points to a hawk. Upon it's outstretched left wing is Hawk's leys, a mile beyond this was once Hawk's Wood, and just east of the tail was a home- stead called Hawkes. Even a village two miles to the south is called Hawkedon. The connection between the twin symbols of dove and hawk may be suggested in the following passage from Robert Graves' 'The White Goddess':-
- "...for when at Jesus's lustration by John the Baptist the Coronation Psalm was chanted and a dove descended, this must be read as the ka, or royal double, that descended on him in a stream of light from his father Iahu - as it descended on the Pharaohs at their coronation from their father the Sun-god Ra, in the form of a hawk."
- VII-VIRGO: the virgin...this figure is always taken as being representative of the Mother Goddess, and is invariably in the shape of a cloaked and hooded female holding out a sheaf of wheat towards the centre of the zodiac circle. Here, she is formed mostly by roads and tracks between Boxted, Hartest, Shimpling Street and Lawshall. At the conical corn sheaf is Stow Hill, Stow often meaning a holy place connected with fertility. There was once a tumulus at the back of her head, and Golden Lane runs at her feet. At her breast or heart stands the curious little village of Hartest. This is situated in a very deep dale, and at it's centre is the village green set on a raised knoll. Here rests the celebrated Hartest Stone, supposedly moved from a nearby hill in the early 18th century, it's removal being followed by a mass 'orgy' among the locals.
- VIII-LEO: the lion...a definite lion shape is formed here around Glemsford, Long Melford and Cavendish. Here the lion's underbelly is traced by the winding river Stour, just as Leo at Glastonbury is formed by the river Cary. At his eye there is a knoll of land, and on his outstretched paw stands Pentlow church (and once a tumulus).
- IX -GEMINI: the twins...here we have the giant figure of Orion who points towards the west and the sunrise. He seems to be in a running posture (perhaps running from the lion?) His legs are shaped by curious footpaths that wind sinuously from Stansfield toward Cavendish. Upon Orion's hooded face is Stansfield church, on his head is Hawkedon church, and on his right foot, Houghton Hall moat. At first glance, the figure seems to be female because of the breast shape at Upper Street, but I feel that this could well be another arm, crooked on the side of the figure that we can't see.
- X -TAURUS: the bull...the best figure of them all, the bull stands out quite plainly around Ousden, Depden and Wickhambrook. Almost the entire body is

traced by roads, and near his back is Back Street. His single horn is at Broad Green, and his two hooves Malting End and Clopton Green. Just above his head used to be a place called the Bull.

XI -ARIES: the ram...formed again by roads around Ousden and Denham, his legs are obscured by the bull. As in the Glastonbury and Nuthampstead zodiacs, Aries head is turned back over his shoulder, looking to the west. The tip of his head is at a crossroads at Barrow, with Denham church on his snout.

It will be noticed that I have described only eleven signs, whereas there are twelve in a conventional celestial zodiac. Nuthampstead also has only eleven, the missing sign being Cancer. Glastonbury has it, but some authorities reckon it to be misplaced. There, it takes the form of the star ship Argo Navis instead of the usual crab. Some say that the old zodiacs only had eleven, some that it had thirteen. Because I couldn't find Cancer, I based mine on eleven!

It should also be noted how many of the figures face the west. This occurs in the other terrestrial zodiacs as well, the west being taken as Atlantis, the spiritual home of whoever built the circles. In both the Bury and the Nuthampstead zodiacs, the place-name Reed or Rede occurs quite prominently, and Nigel Pennick connects this with a geomantic form of measurement. Rodbridge occurs on the hind leg of Leo.

The Glastonbury Zodiac is centred on Park Wood; Nuthampstead on a wood called Cross Leys, and Bury seems to be pivoted around Francis Wood, near Rede.

I have lately begun work on re-drawing the Bury Zodiac, so that it will conform more closely to the accepted patterns. It strikes me that if this is possible, surely the validity of terrestrial zodiacs is called into question? I have heard from other people that trying to draw figures such as these on maps often leads to figures being found, in the same places, but with different shapes. To my mind, the imagination can work overtime on something like this, and it may all prove to be fallacious in the end. To be fair, a great deal more work has been done on the other circles than this one, and perhaps they are valid. Only time will tell. (To be continued).

To get a clearer picture of the other zodiacs, the following is further suggested reading:

- a) 'Mysterious Britain' by Janet and Colin Bord (Paladin Paperback).
- b) 'Atlantean Traditions in Ancient Britain' by Anthony Roberts (Unicorn).
- c) 'A Guide to Glastonbury's Temple of the Stars' by Katherine Maltwood. (James Clarke Ltd.)
- d) 'Leys and Zodiacs' by Nigel Pennick (Fenris-Wolf).

LOCAL CURIOSITIES

In a field called 'Pilgrim's Meadow' at East Harling, Norfolk, was once a deep pit. According to local legend a 'golden cradle' laid buried at the bottom. The meadow has now been planted with trees and the pit filled in.

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In Norfolk, a secret passage is supposed to link the ruins of Bromholm priory and Gimingham Hall. Midway between the priory and the hall the passage is said to be divided by 'golden gates'.

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A tumulus called 'Bell Hill' at Fritton, Suffolk, is the legendary scene of yet more buried treasure. It is said that a hoard of money lies buried there. Another legend says that beneath this same mound is buried a 'golden plough.'

Cambridge Branch

REPORT

We are a small group hoping to expand. We have already had a ghostwatch at an old house at Cambridge, carried out experiments into E.S.P. using cards, and attempted dowsing with both rods and pendulum. We have compiled a card index of local ghosts (see below), and recently had an appeal in the Cambridge Evening News for more information of local interest. This appeal unfortunately generated little interest, but Nigel Pennick, Cambridge Branch Secretary, was interviewed by BBC Radio, again with no response. The following article is our compilation of Cambridge and district ghosts.

The following are only notes. Little information is available on most of the apparitions in this list; indeed, some are only legendary:

- BALSHAM AND WRATTING.** An apparition described as a "Shuck Monkey" has been seen. There is also a report of a White Lady which travels from Spanney's Gate to West Wrattling House.
- BARNWELL ABBEY HOUSE.** There have been animal manifestations, a squirrel and a solitary head; a grey or white lady, (two sightings in 1969). There was poltergeist activity in 1959 at this former monastic building.
- CHRIST'S COLLEGE.** The ghost of Christopher Round is said to be seen at midnight on some occasions near the mulberry tree in the Fellow's Garden. A tall, elderly and stooping figure, hands behind back, walking ponderously, is heard mounting college stairs. The wraith of a former Don in grey clothing is said to be seen late in Easter Term each year.
- CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE.** An upper room in Old Court is haunted. The ghost is either that of Dr. Butts, Master from 1626 - 32, or a suitor of Dr. Spencer's daughter. The latter also haunts the kitchen.
- THE EAGLE PUB.** Poltergeist activity.
- GRANCHESTER RECTORY.** Haunted by a ghost, a young man with a greenish-white face said to either a monk or Rupert Brook, on top floor, poltergeists, noise of box being moved and footsteps.
- HARSTON.** White Lady throws herself into the river from the road to Haslingfield. She is sometimes seen on the road between Queen's Head pub and Mill Road.
- ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.** A staircase is haunted by the ghost of Dr. James Wood (1760 - 1839). Appears as an "undergraduate" in 18th century costume.
- KITE AREA.** East Road is said to have three haunted shops, one of which is demolished and one of which is derelict. The shop still trading, a sweet shop, has reported screams, supposedly of an axe murder.
- LAB. STOREY'S WAY.** Several apparitions of a figure in a white coat and a phantom black bird, flying through glass without breaking it, have been reported.

- LITTLE ABINGTON. Old Cottage. The ghost of a highwayman was seen by several residents in the garden.
- MONTAGUE ROAD Woman in a hammock near the summerhouse appeared to a young boy in the 1920s at number 25.
- old ADDENBROOKE'S HOSP. A ghost appears when morphia is administered, according to tradition.
- DAKINGTON CROSSROADS. A figure with folded arms travelling at an impossible walking or running speed, was seen by a BSIG member, in the centre of the road, whilst driving towards Cambridge towards Bar Hill.
- HOSTEL, ST. PETER'S TERRACE. A room was permanently closed in 1960 owing to the persistently frightening atmosphere therein.
- SAWSTON HALL. Several apparitions including Bloody Mary's ghost, a lady in grey in the tapestry room, the sound of a spinet and sundry noises.
- STEEPLE MORDEN. At the ruins of Moco Farm there is said to be the ghost of a woman calling out in pain.
- TRINITY COLLEGE. A ghost in hunting kit has been seen in New Court.
- TRUMPINGTON STREET. A ghost and ghostly portrait of a woman in green with a red feather in her hat was seen by a visitor to a house in Trumpington Street in the 1890s. In the early 1960s, in the street between Poorhouse College and the Fitzwilliam Museum, the ghost of a former Master's wife was seen.
- WANDLEBURY. At this ancient Iron-Age fort, at certain times of the year, a ghostly knight is supposed to appear to anyone who challenges him with the words "Knight tonight come forth". Two people have reported hearing ghostly voices. The knight legend dates back to the middle ages.
- WOOLWORTH'S. A witch's ghost was reputed to haunt a house which was demolished to make way for the present Woolworth's store.

This list has been compiled by members of the Cambridge Section of BSIG from several sources including personal experience. If anyone has further information on any of these or knows of ghosts we have not listed we will be grateful for the information.



SAWSTON HALL.

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news round-up

MEDIUM HELPS BSIG.

One of the mysteries BSIG has yet to find an answer for is that of a tape recording made at the Oxfam Shop in Norwich. BSIG has carried out extensive investigations there and when the recording was being made no noises were heard by the investigators concerned, but when the tape was played back later a noise was heard. After many listenings no one has come up with an answer to the voice-like sounds which were recorded. The tape was sent to EMI Ltd for analysis. They returned it saying that the recording had been made conventionally thru a microphone.

Last month it was decided to take this recording to a 'medium' who claims to practise psychometry. Two members of BSIG, R. Gooch and R. Goldsmith visited the medium. They had very little knowledge of what had taken place at the Oxfam shop. This was done so that any form of ESP could be ruled out if the medium did come up with any answers.

TRANCE-LIKE STATE.

As well as the recording they also took with them a photograph of the building, another of the spot where the recording was made and a small part of the building. The medium was given the photo of the building, but could not 'see' anything in it. She was then given the photo of the spot where the recording was made. She immediately said that she could 'see' two people in the room, an old man and a woman. She described the woman as having long black hair and dressed in a tight bodice with long sleeves. The man had short hair and was wearing a double-breasted jacket. She

dated this to be about the the late 1800s.

The medium was then given a piece of straw from the old roof, she sat holding this and slowly went into a semi trance-like state. Unfortunately, while she was in this state the telephone rang. One of the investigators answered it as the medium was still in a trance. Slowly she came round and spoke to the person on the phone.

STRANGLED WOMAN.

Afterwards she said that she had had a struggle to stop a 'spirit' taking her over completely. She said that the spirit was that of a woman who had been strangled there and that she was very agitated. She could not say much more because the telephone had disturbed her. She would not pick up the straw again because she was still weak from a recent illness. The tape was then played to her but she could not make anything of it.

The next day the investigators consulted the official report of the Oxfam Shop investigations. According to the file on the haunting a seance had been held there some time ago and a woman who had been murdered there about 100 years ago was contacted. Is this the same person that the medium claims to have contacted? Who knows....

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RECENT INVESTIGATIONS

July and August saw a lot of activity by the Psychological Research Section of BSIG. On the night of July 3 eight members spent the night at Burgh Castle Nor-

folk in a vain attempt to witness the ghostly body that hurls down from the ramparts. Friday, August 6, saw four members of the PRS sitting close to Geldeston Church, Norfolk which is said to be haunted by a phantom donkey and dog, a coach and horses and the ghost of a man whose skeleton was found, many years ago in a pond. All of these hauntings fell into the legendary category and the team had little hope of seeing anything, an assumption which turned out to be correct! However, Both investigations gave some invaluable lessons which should prove useful when BSIG visits Borley in September.

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After a rather long period of inactivity the UFO Research Section of BSIG organised a skywatch on the same night as the Geldeston investigations. An apparently ideal site was found overlooking the marshes at Aldeby, Suffolk. Close to an area of reported UFO activity (see LANTERN II). Unfortunately the watch did not go as planned owing to a thick marsh mist which enveloped the watchers, and which also brought an appalling stench from a nearby silage pit! The watchers stuck to their posts as long as possible, but finally had to succumb to the conditions and the watch was abandoned in the early hours of the morning. Needless to say, the UFORS is now looking for an alternative site!!

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